

In the Iowa Supreme Court

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In the Matter of Mediation )  
Training Requirements for )  
Inclusion on the Family Law )  
Mediator List )

Order

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On July 9, 2020, the supreme court issued a supervisory order establishing mandatory mediation/judicial settlement conference procedures for all family law cases where at least one party is represented by an attorney.<sup>1</sup> Each district created its own procedures in order to implement the court's order, and the mandatory mediation procedures went into effect on March 1, 2021.

In order to ensure a baseline of training for mediators who wish to be included on each judicial district's family law mediator list, **effective January 1, 2023**, the court is requiring that a minimum of 40 hours of mediation training be completed by a mediator seeking inclusion on a district list. The mediation training does not need to be exclusively related to family law but training related to family law specific mediation issues such as domestic abuse, family economics, and issues of children in divorce, is encouraged.

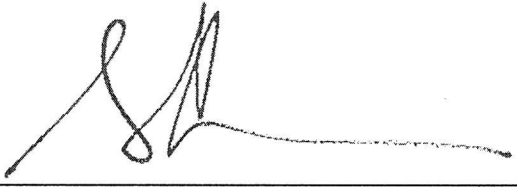
On and after January 1, 2023, a mediator seeking inclusion on a judicial district's family law mediator list must certify their completion of a minimum of 40 hours of mediation training by emailing, faxing, or sending a letter to the district court administrator of that district stating that the mediator has completed at least 40 hours of mediation training. Mediators already listed on a judicial district's family law mediator list as of the date of this order are exempt from these requirements. Mediators seeking inclusion on a district's list after the date of this order who do not

<sup>1</sup><https://www.iowacourts.gov/collections/523/files/1141/embedDocument/>

yet have 40 hours of mediation training have until January 1, 2023, to complete 40 hours of training and send their certification to the appropriate district court administrator.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2021.

**The Iowa Supreme Court**

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 Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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